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## NICARAGUA.

*Report from Bluefields—Fruit port—Smallpox at Managua.*

BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, May 16, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith report of transactions<sup>1</sup> for the week ended May 15, 1901:

Two fruit vessels were inspected, received bills of health, with U. S. Marine-Hospital certificate attached thereto, the triplicates of which are inclosed herewith.

May 11, Norwegian steamship *Utstein*; Aarsvold, master; crew, 15; passengers, none; cargo, fruit; cleared for New Orleans direct. May 15, Norwegian steamship *Condor*; Rasmussen, master; crew, 16; passengers, none; cargo, fruit; cleared for New Orleans direct.

One death occurred in this town on the 14th instant from fever; there was no suspicion as to contagion or infection attending the same.

The death just referred to was that of a colored infant, age 8 months.

The local hospital has been visited, as usual, and nothing of a suspicious or disquieting nature was in evidence.

The sanitary conditions of the port of Bluefields and the adjacent territory remain satisfactory.

Information has been received and communicated to me by Dr. P. J. Bermudez, port physician at this place, that smallpox exists to an alarming degree at Managua, the capital, and that it has spread to the cities of Masaya and Grenada. Managua, on the Pacific slope, is about seven or eight days travel from here, Grenada located on Lake Nicaragua, and Masaya about midway as to the two cities above mentioned.

The Government, apprehensive as to its appearance on this coast, is enforcing compulsory vaccination at this port—in fact, over the entire Nicaraguan territory.

There is at present no suspicion as to the existence of smallpox at or near Bluefields.

Respectfully,

WM. H. CARSON,  
*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

## PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

*Reports from Manila—Plague and smallpox.*

MANILA, P. I., April 7, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to report that the plague situation in Manila during the week ended March 30, 1901, remained about the same. During this period there were 20 cases and 18 deaths, distributed as follows: Chinese, 17; Filipinos, 3.

During the same week there were 29 cases of smallpox with no deaths, and a total number of deaths from all causes of 240.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,  
*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,  
Chief Quarantine Officer for the Philippine Islands.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

MANILA, P. I., April 10, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that a further slight increase in plague occurred during the week ended April 6, 1901, 29 cases with 21